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Hon. T. H. Pardo de Tavera. Born in Manila in 1857, educated in Paris, France, where he received his degree of M. D.; practiced his profession in Manila, where he was professor of the medical faculty of the University during the Spanish régime. He was a representative in the Malolos congress and director of foreign relations in Aguinaldo's revolutionary government. In 1899 he was the founder and first director of La Democracia, the first pro-American daily in the Philippines; when the Federal party was organized he was elected its first president; he devotes his time to the history, languages, and bibliography of the Philippines and has published works on these and other subjects, such as medicinal plants, etc.

He is at present a member of the Philippine Commission and president of the honorary board of commissioners to the St. Louis Exposition; speaks French and English.

Hon. Benito Legarda. Born in 1853 in the city of Manila; he received the degree of bachelor of laws from the University of Santo Tomás, Manila; he has traveled much, having visited Japan and the expositions of Paris and Chicago; he was director of the treasury and vice-president of the Malolos congress up to December, 1898.

He is at present a member of the Philippine Commission; speaks English.

Hon. Victorino Mapa. Born in Calivo, Capiz, and is 50 years of age; he has been an attorney at law since 1877, having filled the following offices: Register of deeds of Iloilo, mayor of the city of Iloilo, member of the reform council of the federal state of Visayas, and president of the special court of the same; he is also a licenciate at law, bachelor of philosophy and of civil and canonical law.

He is at present an associate judge in the supreme court of the

Philippine Islands, to which he was appointed in 1901, and member of the executive committee of the honorary board of commissioners to the St. Louis Exposition.

Juan de Leon. Born in Iloilo in 1866; he is an attorney at law and has been a justice of the peace, attorney and member of the municipal council of Iloilo, judge of the court of first instance and of the twelfth judicial district of the Philippine Islands, member of the council of the federal state of Visayas and of the superior court of justice of Panay.

He is now the mayor of the city of Iloilo, president of the Panay and Negros Agricultural Association and of the joint stock mercantile society of the same name, managing proprietor of "El Tiempo," a newspaper in Iloilo, and member of the executive committee of the honorary board of commissioners to the St. Louis Exposition.

Mr. Manuel de Iriarte. Born in Manila, in 1864, educated in Europe; he was a cadet at the Spanish Infantry and Artillery School, and studied law and medicine in Spain; he held several offices during the Spanish rule in the Philippines, the last being disbursing officer of the board of public works and private secretary to several department chiefs.

He is now chief of the bureau of archives, patents, copyrights, and trade-marks, and member of the executive committee of the honorary board of commissioners to the St. Louis Exposition; speaks English and French.

Dr. Manuel Gomez Martinez.—Born in Manila in 1859; he received the degree of doctor of medicine and surgery from the University of Manila; he was the provincial physician of Antique and Morong and of the cholera hospital in 1882; president, by delegation of the inspector-general of charity and health of the islands, of the commission to inspect and aid the district of Taytay during the cholera epidemic in 1887; municipal physician of the district of Trozo, Manila; representative of Dapitan in the Malolos congress; and municipal physician of the district of Santa Cruz under the American rule.

He is at present secretary of the insular board of health and member of the executive committee of the honorary board of commissioners to the St. Louis Exposition.

Hon. Bernardino Monreal. Born in Daraga, Albay, in 1856; he is a licentiate in medicine and was official physician of Bataan, municipal physician of Malabon, Rizal, and of the central hospital of Malabón, during the revolution.

He is now serving his third term as provincial governor of Sorsogon, and is a member of the executive committee of the honorary board of commissioners to the St. Louis Exposition.

Mr. Leon Novenario. A native of Pateros, Rizal, 28 years of age, and an A. B. of the University of Santo Tomás; he fought in the ranks of the revolution, and after the compact of Biak-na-bató went to Hongkong with Aguinaldo; he later figured on the staff of General Malvar's brigade, and subsequently entered the Philippine civil service, being at present a clerk in the executive bureau and also one of the two Filipinos who passed the first-grade examination in English.

He is a member of the executive committee of the Association of Civil Employés, and the representative of the same on the honorary board of commissioners, of which he is the secretary. Speaks English.

Hon. Epifanio de los Santos. Born in Malabón, Rizal, and is 33 years of age; he is an attorney at law, and was private secretary of His Majesty's attorney-general in the Philippines, the representative of Nueva Ecija in the Malolos congress, fiscal of the court of first instance, and provincial secretary. He has been a frequent contributor to the press, his nom de plume of "G. Solon" being very well known.

He is now serving his second term as governor of Nueva Ecija.

Hon. Tomas G. del Rosario. Born in Binondo, Manila, and is 45 years of age; he received the degree of LL. B. from the University of Madrid, and was educated in Europe, where he resided eight years; during the Spanish régime he held the offices of justice of the peace, fiscal and judge of first instance in the courts of Manila; during the revolution of 1896 he was deported to Africa as an accomplice in the Philippine revolutionary movement; he was vice-president of the Malolos congress, and later assistant attorney-general of the supreme court under American military rule.

He is at present provincial governor of Bataan, president of the Rizal monument commission, a member of the superior advisory board of public instruction, and the attorney for several societies.

Hon. Juan Pimentel. Born in Daet, Ambos Camarines, in 1855; he is a hemp grower and dealer, and has visited Hongkong and other cities in China to study trade conditions; he was justice of the peace and acting judge of the court of first instance during the Spanish régime; he has been municipal president of Daet, and is now provincial governor of Ambos Camarines.

Hon. Mariano Trias. A native of San Francisco de Malabón, Cavite, and born in 1869; he has the degree of A. B., and is a sugar planter; during the revolution he held the following offices: Secretary of justice, vice-president of the republic, secretary of the treasury, and lieutenant-general commanding the department of the south, and was second in command under Aguinaldo; he was the first provincial governor of Cavite under the American rule.

Hon. Simeon Luz. Born in Lipa, Batangas, in 1853; he was municipal captain of the same town and lieutenant-colonel commanding the Batangas ordnance depot during the revolution; he assisted greatly in the pacification of the province and was the first governor of the same after the cessation of American military rule. Speaks English.

Hon. Potenciano Lesaca. Born in Botolan, Zambales, in 1872; he is an expert accountant and is now serving his third term as provincial governor of Zambales, being the youngest of the provincial governors.

Hon. Juan Villamor. Born in Bangued, Abra, in 1865; he is an A. B. and a professor of Latin; he was a lieutenant of infantry in the Spanish army, manager of El Heraldo de la Revolución, and a colonel of infantry in the revolutionary army; he was the first provisional governor of Abra, and now represents El Renacimiento, a Manila newspaper.

Hon. Alfonso Ramos. Born in Iba, Zambales, in 1860; he has been municipal captain of Tarlac, provincial governor of Tarlac under the revolution, and is now serving his second term as provincial governor of the same.

Hon. Joaquin Ortega. Born in the city of Cebú in 1868; he has the degree of A. B., and was cashier of the Compañía General de Tabacos de Filipinas in the province of La Unión, which he formerly represented in the Malolos congress and of which he served two terms as governor under American rule.

Hon. Julio Agcaoili. Born in Piddig, Ilocos Norte, in 1856; during the Spanish régime he held the offices of notary, clerk and registrar of the court of first instance of Ilocos Norte, and during the revolution was fiscal thereof; upon the organization of the provincial government in the provinces under the Americans he was appointed provincial secretary, and has been elected twice to the provincial governorship since then.

Dr. Alejandro Albert. Born in Manila in 1869; he has the degree of doctor of pharmacy and is professor of chemistry in the Liceo de Manila; he is an ex-president of the pharmaceutical examining board of the Philippine Islands and the present secretary of the Federal party; he was a surgeon-colonel in the revolution, and is now president of the International Club and vice-president of the College of Physicians and Pharmacists.

Mr. Juan Sumulung. Born in Antipolo, Rizal, in 1875; formerly a journalist, he was manager of La Democracia, the organ of the Federal party; he is at present practicing law in Manila; is a member of the directory of the Federal party; professor of the Manila law school, and member of the bar association of that city.

Mr. Jose de Loyzaga y Ageo. Born in Manila in 1864, he received the LL. B. degree from the University of Manila, and is the editor and proprietor of El Comercio, the oldest newspaper in in Manila. Speaks English.

Mr. Ramon B. Genato. Born in Manila on August 20, 1860; he was educated in Manila, London, and Paris, securing the degree of A. B., and expert accountant; he is a wholesale grocer and landowner, vice-president of the Manila Telephone Company, a member of the governing board of the Liceo de Manila, a member of the tax-revision board of Manila, of the directory of the Federal party, of the Rizal monument commission, of the International Club, and of the board of directors of the Filipino Chamber of Commerce, which body he represents on the honorary board of commissioners. Speaks English.

Mr. Vicente Nepomuceno. Born in Camalaniugan, Cagayán, and is 43 years of age; he is an attorney at law, and was professor of secondary instruction and provincial governor of Cagayán under the revolution, and judge of first instance under the American military rule; he is at present provincial fiscal of Cagayán.

Mr. Leoncio Gonzales Liquete. Born in Aliaga, Nueva Ecija, and is 25 years of age; he was educated in Barcelona, Spain, and Manila; he is an A. B. and an expert accountant; he has been in the newspaper business since 1897, having done editorial work on the Diario de Manila, El Comercio, El Progreso, and other dailies and weeklies; he accompanied the Philippine Commission on its trip throughout the archipelago for the establishment of civil rule in the provinces, spreading American ideas as correspondent of several newspapers, and popularizing the work of the Commission; he was secretary of the Federal party and is now editor of La Democracia, the organ of the party and supporter of the Americanization of the Philippines.

Dr. Baldomero Roxas. Born in 1870 in Lipa, Batangas, he received the degree of M. D. from the Central University of Madrid, Spain, and the degree of A. B. in the University of Santo Tomás of Manila; he was admitted as a medical student, after competitive examination, in the general hospital of Madrid, and was assistant in the gynecological section of the Rubio Institute of Madrid; during the revolution he was a surgeon-major and head of the Lipa Hospital and formerly a member of the Governing Council of the Federal party. He is now a member of the Medico-Pharmaceutical College of Manila and of the Manila Medical Society, assistant police surgeon of Manila, and physician of the girls' dormitory of the Manila Normal School. Speaks English.

Mr. Marcial Calleja. Born in Malinao, Albay, in 1863; he has the degree of LL. B. and he is an expert agronomist; he was formerly secretary of the council of Albay, after competitive examination, and represented the province of Albay in the Malolos congress; he is at present provincial fiscal of Albay.

Mr. Rafael O. Ramos. Born in Himamaylan, Occidental Negros, in 1858; he is engaged in agriculture in his district, is an expert accountant, and was municipal president of the former town of Suay, in his province, governor of the island of Negros, and fiscal of the fourth district of the autonomous government of Negros during the revolution; he has also been municipal president of Himamaylan.

Mr. Tomas Arguelles. Born in Manila in 1860; he is a surveyor and architect, and was overseer of public works and government inspector of the Manila and Dagupan Railroad under the Spanish régime; was a member of the board of tax revision of Manila, and of the jury on architecture for the St. Louis Exposition; he is at present a member of the advisory board of Manila and of the directory of the Federal party.

Mr. Juan Araneta. Born in Bogo, Occidental Negros, in 1853; he is an agriculturist and landowner, and an expert accountant; he has been municipal president of his town; during the revolution he was secretary of war in the provisional government of the island of Negros, brigadier-general in the revolutionary army, and was a member of the commission that conferred with the American army officers in Iloilo; he was secretary of agriculture in the autonomous government of Negros, and the manager of the Carlota model farm.

Mr. Alfredo de Castro. Born in Atimonan, Tayabas, in 1869; he received the degree of expert agronomist from the University of Manila, and is an agriculturist and landowner; during the Spanish régime he held the office of justice of the peace for four years.

He is at present the municipal president of Atimonan and the representative in the province of Tayabas of several Manila commercial houses.

Mr. Guillermo Gomez. Born in Iloilo, Panay, in 1880; he has the degree of A. B. and expert accountant, and is at present the secretary of the collector of customs of Iloilo. Speaks English.

Mr. Ceferino de Leon. Born in San Miguel de Mayumo, Bulacan, in 1859; he received the degree of LL. B. from the University of Madrid, and has been fiscal of Barotac Viejo, justice of the peace of San Miguel de Mayumo, and represented Benguet in the Malolos Congress.

Mr. Vicente Llamas. Born in Pagsanjan, La Laguna, in 1876; he is an A. B., and has been municipal secretary under the Spanish régime; during the American rule he was justice of the peace, member of the board of tax revision of La Laguna, and at present is a municipal councilor of Pagsanjan, La Laguna.

Mr. Eusebio Luzuriaga. Born in 1869, in the municipality of Bacolod, Negros Occidental; during the revolution he was secretary of the treasury of the provisional government of Negros and member of the commission to confer with the American authorities in Iloilo and Manila. Speaks English.

Mr. Alejandro R. Mendoza. Born in Agoo, La Union, in 1874; he is an agriculturist and landowner; during the revolution he was municipal fiscal of Binalonan, Pangasinan, and is now municipal president of the same. Speaks English.

Mr. Mariano Moreno Ramirez. Born in Daet, Ambos Camarines, in 1872; he is an agriculturist and landowner, and head of the hemp exporting house of Moreno in Daet; he was a member of the board of tax revision of his province.

Mr. Hilarion Raymundo. Born in Manila in 1846; he was secretary of the politico-military government of the provinces of Samar and Morong during the Spanish régime and is now a notary in the province of Rizal.

Mr. Jose Rivera. Born in Pagsanjan, La Laguna, in 1862; he has the degree of LL. B., and has been a justice of the peace and assessor of the court of first instance of La Laguna, being at present the provincial secretary of that province.

Mr. Vicente Singson Encarnacion. Born in 1875 in the city of Vigan, Ilocos Sur; he is lawyer, landowner, agriculturist, and maguey and indigo planter, having the degree of A. B., and being at present the provincial fiscal of Ilocos Sur.

Mr. Gervasio Unson. Born in Pagsanjan, La Laguna, on June 19, 1856; he is an A. B. and has been primary school-teacher, being at present the provincial secretary of Tayabas.

Mr. Vicente Noel. Born in the city of Cebu, in 1874; he is an A. B. and expert accountant; he has been municipal treasurer of Carcar, Cebu, and is now president of the Jockey Club of that town.

Mr. Alejandro Roces. Born in Manila, in 1876; he is a landowner and manufacturer; he has traveled much and visited the important cities of Europe; he has the only furniture factory in the islands equipped with American machinery and conducted on modern lines.

[No. 1030.]

AN ACT Creating an honorary board of commissioners, composed of fifty Filipinos of prominence and education, to visit the Louisiana Purchase Exposition at Saint Louis at Government expense.

By authority of the United States, be it enacted by the Philippine Commission, that:

SECTION 1. The Civil Governor is authorized and directed to appoint, by and with the consent of the Philippine Commission, an Honorary Board of Commissioners, consisting of not more than fifty filipinos of prominence and education, to visit the Louisiana Purchase Exposition to be held at Saint Louis during the year nineteen hundred and four. The Civil Governor is authorized to appoint Filipinos now holding office in the Islands, if their absence from official duty in the Islands during the time needed to make the visit to the United States may be made consistent with the interests of the public service.

SEC. 2. The Honorary Board of Commissioners herein authorized to be appointed shall travel in a body, so far as practicable, and the period between the date of their departure from Manila for the United States and the date of their return to Manila shall not exceed five months. The Civil Governor shall fix the date of the departure of the Board. The Board shall be accompanied by an American official of the Philippine Government, to be designated by the Civil Governor, who shall have a knowledge of the English and Spanish languages sufficient to enable him to act as interpreter on all occasions, and who shall have charge of the Board in making the arrangements for travel and subsistence. A second official of the Philippine Government shall be designated by the Civil Governor as the disbursing officer to disburse the funds needed to pay the expenses of the Board.

SEC. 3. There shall be allowed, as traveling and subsistence expenses, to each non-official member of the Honorary Board of Commissioners, the sum of ten dollars, United States currency, per day, from the time of his departure from Manila until the date of his return to Manila, and to each official member, in addition to his salary as provided by law, the sum of seven dollars, United States currency, per day. The per diems of the American official in charge of the Board and of the disbursing officer shall be fixed by the Civil Governor.

SEC. 4. The Honorary Board of Commissioners shall organize by the election of a chairman, a secretary, and an executive committee of five. The secretary shall keep minutes of all formal action taken by the Board and shall make report of the same to the Civil Governor on the return of the Board to Manila. The Board shall also appoint a committee of three members whose duty it shall be to keep a history of the journey and to make a connected account and report thereof to the Civil Governor on the return of the Board to Manila.

SEC. 5. The Honorary Board of Commissioners shall not only visit Saint Louis, where it shall spend at least a month in the examination of the Exposition, but it shall also visit those principal cities of the United States which shall be agreed upon by the executive committee of the Board after conference with the Philippine Exposition Board. The disbursing officer is authorized to pay the traveling and subsistence expenses of the members of the Board directly, and to charge the same to the respective members of the Board, paying any balance remaining due to each member at the end of each week.

SEC. 6. There is hereby appropriated, out of any funds in the Insular Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars, in money of the United States, to defray the expenses herein authorized to be incurred.

SEC. 7. Sections eleven and twelve of Act Numbered Five hundred and fourteen, enacted November eleventh, nineteen hundred and two, are hereby repealed.

SEC. 8. The public good requiring the speedy enactment of this bill, the passage of the same is hereby expedited in accordance with section two of "An Act prescribing the order of procedure by the Commission in the enactment of laws," passed September twenty-sixth, nineteen hundred.

SEC. 9. This Act shall take effect on its passage.

Enacted, December 22, 1903.

[No. 1080.]

AN ACT Amending sections two, three, and five of Act Numbered One thousand and thirty, entitled "An Act creating an Honorary Board of Commissioners, composed of fifty Filipinos of prominence and education, to visit the Louisiana Purchase Exposition at Saint Louis at Government expense."

By authority of the United States, be it enacted by the Philippine Commission, that:

SECTION 1. Section two of Act Numbered One thousand and thirty is hereby amended by striking out the whole of said section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"SEC. 2. The Honorary Board of Commissioners herein authorized to be appointed shall travel in a body, so far as practicable, and the period between the date of their departure from Manila for the United States and the date of their return to Manila shall not exceed five months. The Civil Governor shall fix the date of the departure of the Board. The Board shall be accompanied by and be in charge of the Executive Secretary for the Philippine Islands as the representative of the Philippine Government, who shall as such representative make all arrangements for travel and subsistence. A second official of the Philippine Government shall be designated by the Civil Governor as the disbursing officer to disburse the funds needed to pay the expenses of the Board."

SEC. 2. Section three of said Act Numbered One thousand and thirty is hereby amended by striking out the last sentence and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"The per diems of the Executive Secretary and of the disbursing officer shall be fixed by the Civil Governor. Persons holding office in the Philippine Islands who accept appointment or are detailed for duty under the terms of this Act and visit the Louisiana Purchase Exposition in pursuance hereof, shall be deemed thereby to have waived all claim for leave of absence that may have accrued to them under existing laws both heretofore and down to the time of their return from the visit to the United States provided by this Act."

SEC. 3. Section five of said Act Numbered One thousand and thirty is hereby amended by adding at the end of the first sentence thereof the following words: "and the Executive Secretary," so that the said sentence shall read:

"The Honorary Board of Commissioners shall not only visit Saint Louis, where it shall spend at least a month in the examination of the exposition, but it shall also visit those principal cities of the United States which shall be agreed upon by the executive committee of the Board, after conference with the Philippine Exposition Board and the Executive Secretary."

SEC. 4. The public good requiring the speedy enactment of this bill, the passage of the same is hereby expedited in accordance with section two of "An Act prescribing the order of procedure by the Commission in the enactment of laws," passed September twenty-sixth, nineteen hundred.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect on its passage.

Enacted, March 10, 1904.

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